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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that claims 36-40, 79-81 and 73-87 are pending in this application. During a brief telephone interview on October 20, 2005, the Examiner informed the Applicant that the Office Action should have read "Claims 36-40, 79-81, and 83-87 are pending.", which accords with Applicant's records.

#### *Claim Objections*

The Office Action objected to claims 36 and 81 because the features of annotation ownership tracking; annotation label generation; annotation locking; and annotation merging were not clearly defined.

Claims 36 and 81 are amended to add clear definitions for each phrase. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found at: page 33, lines 24-26 (annotation ownership tracking); page 33, line 26-page 34, line 2 (unique annotation label generation), page 34, lines 2-5 (annotation locking); and page 34, lines 6 and 7 (annotation merging). Additional support is found throughout the specification as filed. The objection to claims 36 and 81 is thereby traversed.

The Office Action objected to redundant commas in claims 36 and 81. Those commas have been deleted and the objection is traversed.

The Office Action objection to a lack of antecedent for "the signals" in claims 80 and 87. Applicant respectfully submits that no lack of antecedent existed in either claim. Nonetheless, each claim is amended to explain what signals are propagated and how the signals are propagated. No new matter was added and support for the amendment is found at page 34, lines 11-14 of the application as filed.

The objection to claims 80 and 87 is thereby traversed.

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This application is now considered to be in a condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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